

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 321

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. James King upon being elected President of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should pause to pay tribute to those exceptional Tennesseans who have achieved great success in their various areas of expertise; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding citizen is James King, M.D., a family physician in Selmer, Tennessee, who was recently elected president of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) by the AAFP's governing body, the Congress of Delegates; and

WHEREAS, before becoming its president, Dr. King had served three years as an esteemed member of the AAFP Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1947 to promote and maintain high quality standards for family doctors who are providing comprehensive health care to the public, the AAFP represents more than 94,000 physicians and medical students nationwide and is the only medical society devoted solely to primary care; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee, Martin, and doing postgraduate study in science education at Memphis State University, James King earned his medical degree at the University of Tennessee Center of Health Sciences, Memphis, in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King completed his residency at the University of Tennessee Family Medicine Residency, Jackson-Madison County General Hospital, in 1985; and

WHEREAS, board certified by the American Board of Family Medicine, Dr. King is an AAFP fellow, which is an earned degree awarded to family physicians for distinguished service and continuing medical education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King is presently in private practice in Selmer and serves as Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences in Memphis; he is also on the medical staff of the McNairy Regional Hospital in Selmer and serves as Medical Director of Chester County Healthcare Services; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James King, is active with the AAFP, advocating for patients outside the exam room through his service with the organization, as well as serving as a liaison to various commissions and committees whose work has focused on quality improvement, clinical policies, and research; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King also works to promote the legislative goals of family medicine to members of Congress through his service on the board of directors of FamMedPAC, the AAFP's political action committee; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians (TAFP), Dr. King served on the Public Relations, Finance, and Legislation and Governmental Affairs committees, as well as the Long-Range Planning Committee, Nominating Committee, and Membership Committee, and as a member of the TAFP Board of Directors, Dr. King served as Vice President, President, and Board Chair; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and greatly admired by his colleagues, this exceptional physician received the Outstanding Model Office Teaching Award from the University of Tennessee Family Medicine Residency, Jackson, in 1990, and the TAFP's Family Physician of the Year Award in 1997; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Dr. King has presented the AAFP's Tar Wars tobacco-free education program to area fourth- and fifth-graders on behalf of the TAFP since 2000, and he has served as the Chair of the McNairy County Board of Health, a member of the TennCare Steering Committee of the Tennessee Department of Health, and the Chair of the Primary Health Care Liaison Committee, State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James King has won the loyalty, trust, and admiration of his staff and patients; as a family physician, Dr. King works diligently to maintain an ongoing, personal patient-physician relationship that is focused on integrated care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. James King, truly epitomizes the dedicated physician who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality health care for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. James King on being elected President of the American Academy of Family Physicians, commend his exceptional service to the citizens of Tennessee and this Nation, salute his medical expertise and personal excellence, and wish him the best in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.